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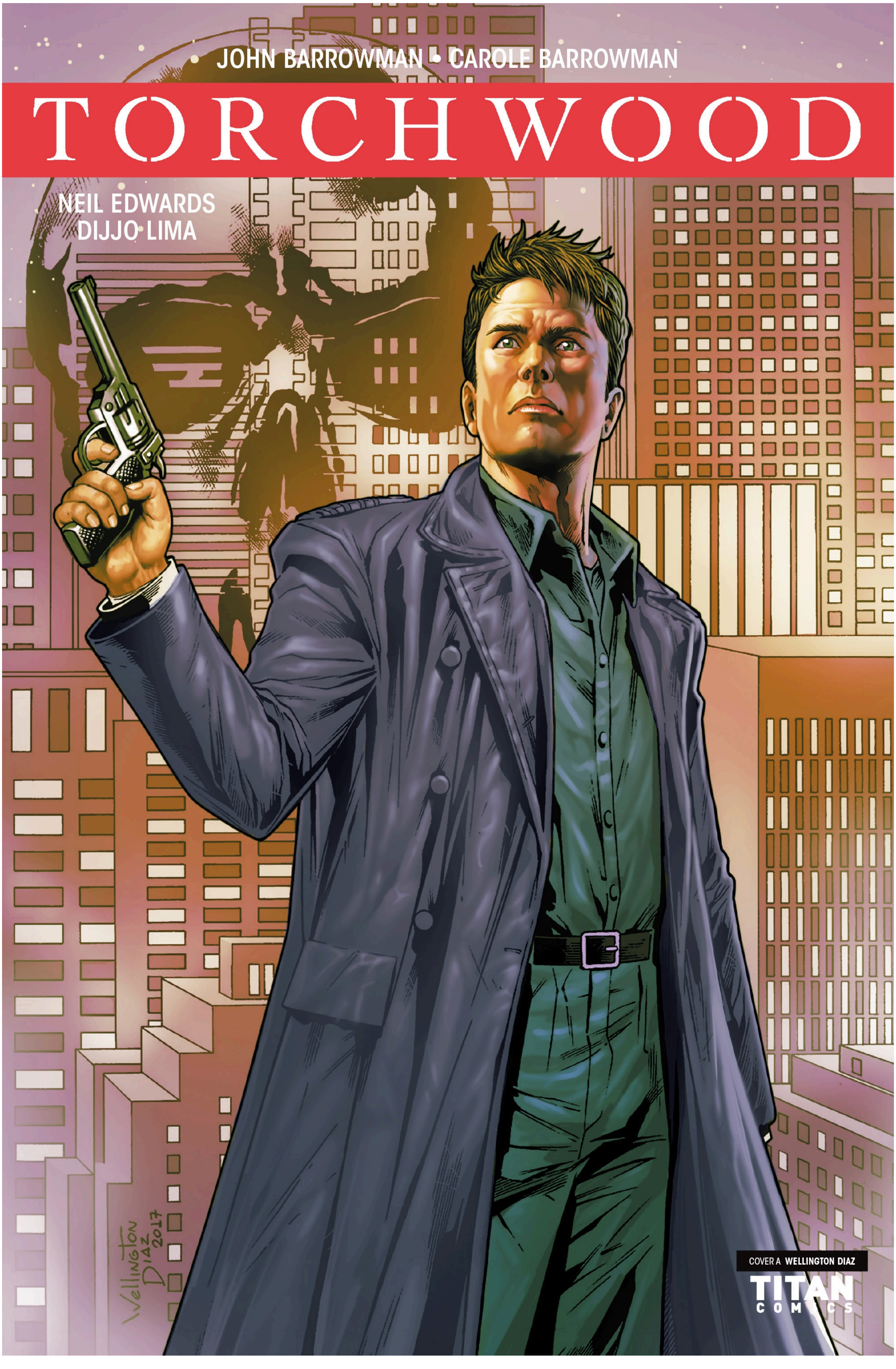
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Cleaning up the explosive aftermath of the Navigator/ Vervoid plot to take over the world, Jack and Gwen received some unexpected news… Captain John Hart revealed that the Vervoids had created a clone hybrid from both of their DNA! This creature's name is Sladen, and she has the terrifying ability to speed up the life cycle of any living thing. With old enemy Docilis 'helping' her, the Torchwood duo must race against the clock to stop her from reducing the world to ashes! That is, if they can survive their helicopter crash…

CAST OF CHARACTERS

New to this story and want to know who's who? Let us fill you in on the main players among Torchwood's agents and their enemies…

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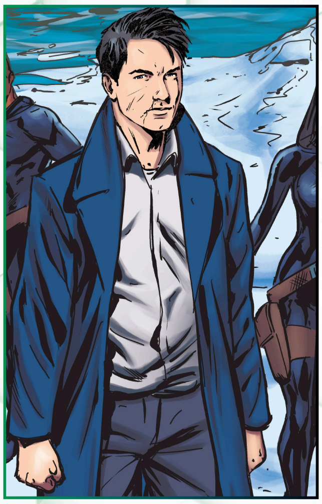
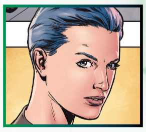


CAPTAIN JACK HARKNESS

Immortal former Time Agent from the 51st Century, and ex-companion of the Doctor. More recently the long-time head of Torchwood Cardiff.

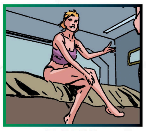
GWEN COOPER

Acting head of Torchwood Cardiff, and former police officer. Married to Rhys Williams, and the mother of Anwen. Drawn back into the world of Torchwood after the attack in the Skagerrak Strait.



SHELLEY

The *Ice Maiden*'s A.I avatar, with a personality based on that of the 19th-Century author Mary Shelley. She keeps the Ice Maiden running, but can be difficult to manage… She is an invaluable asset, even away from the ship.



DANA MACLEISH

The *Ice Maiden*'s captain, and all-round mystery woman. Bearer of a mysterious tattoo on her back. She, along with her ship and crew, are currently away on a mission to help in the planet's recovery.

DOCILIS

Former Time Agent, Docilis was revealed to be the perpetrator of the Navigators' plans to harvest Earth and form a new species. Claims to want to help Sladen.

SLADEN

Sladen was born amidst the destruction of Station Zero, and bears an uncanny resemblance to both Jack and Gwen… but who, or what, is she? And what powers does she have?

PILOT

Torchwood's rescue pilot, the best in the business, and usually able to get out of any tight spot, though currently crashing in a helicopter. Limited security clearance.

CAPTAIN JOHN HART

Former Time Agent from the 51st Century turned intergalactic rogue. Ex-lover and Time Agent partner of Captain Jack Harkness. Forever a thorn in Jack's side, his appearances usually bring trouble.

This volume takes place after the *Torchwood* novel 'The Exodus Code' and volume two of the comic series, 'Station Zero.'

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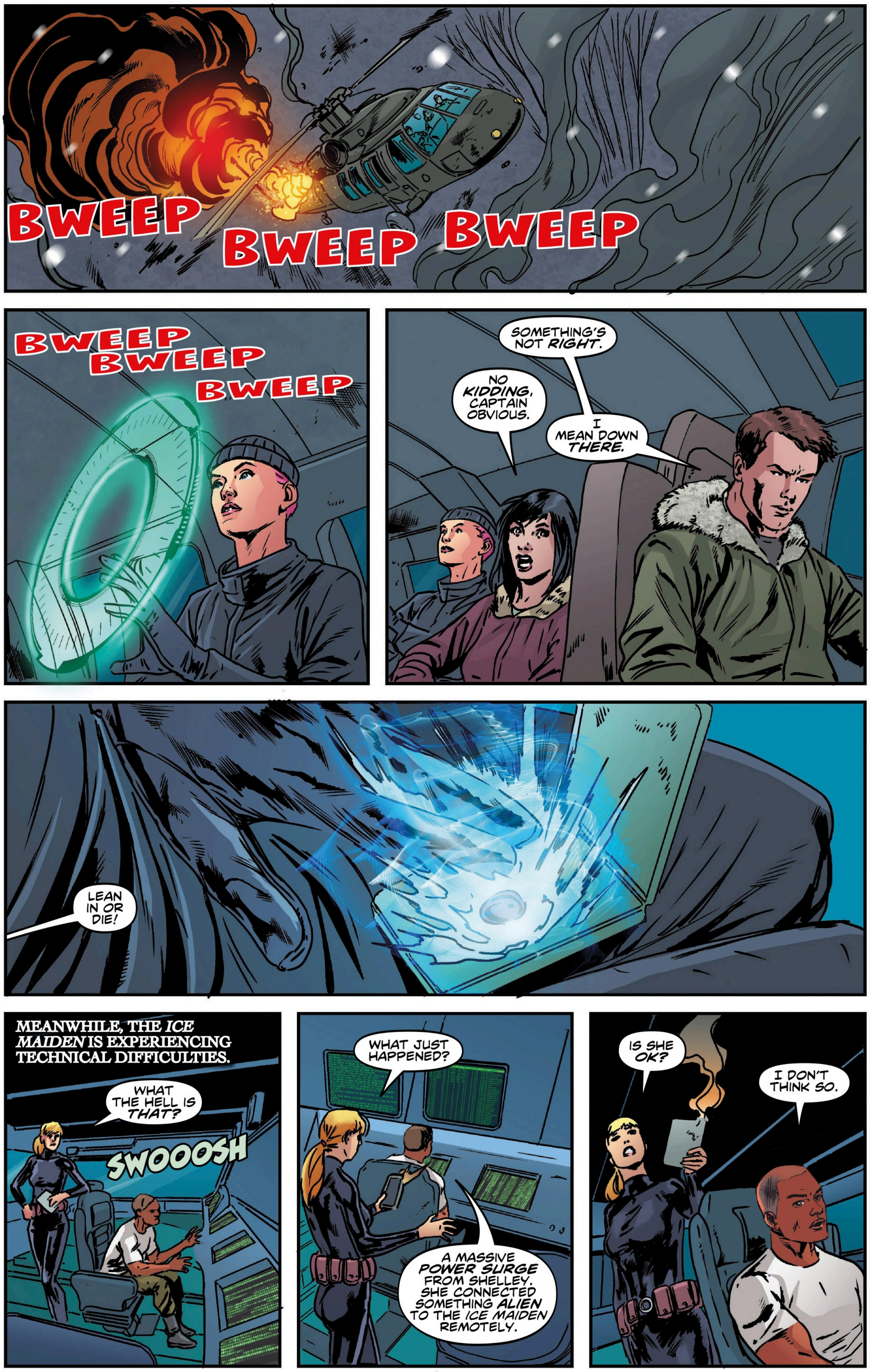
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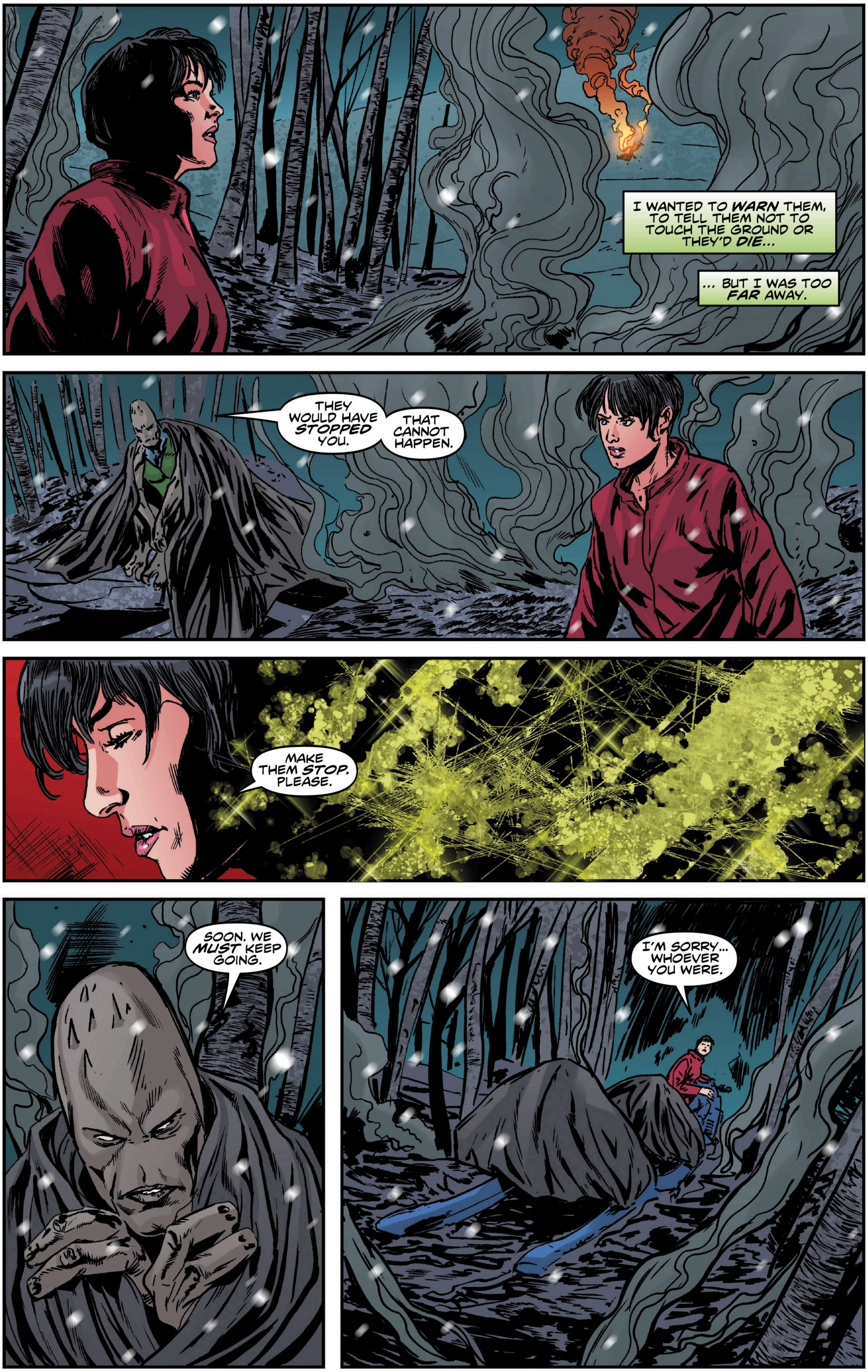
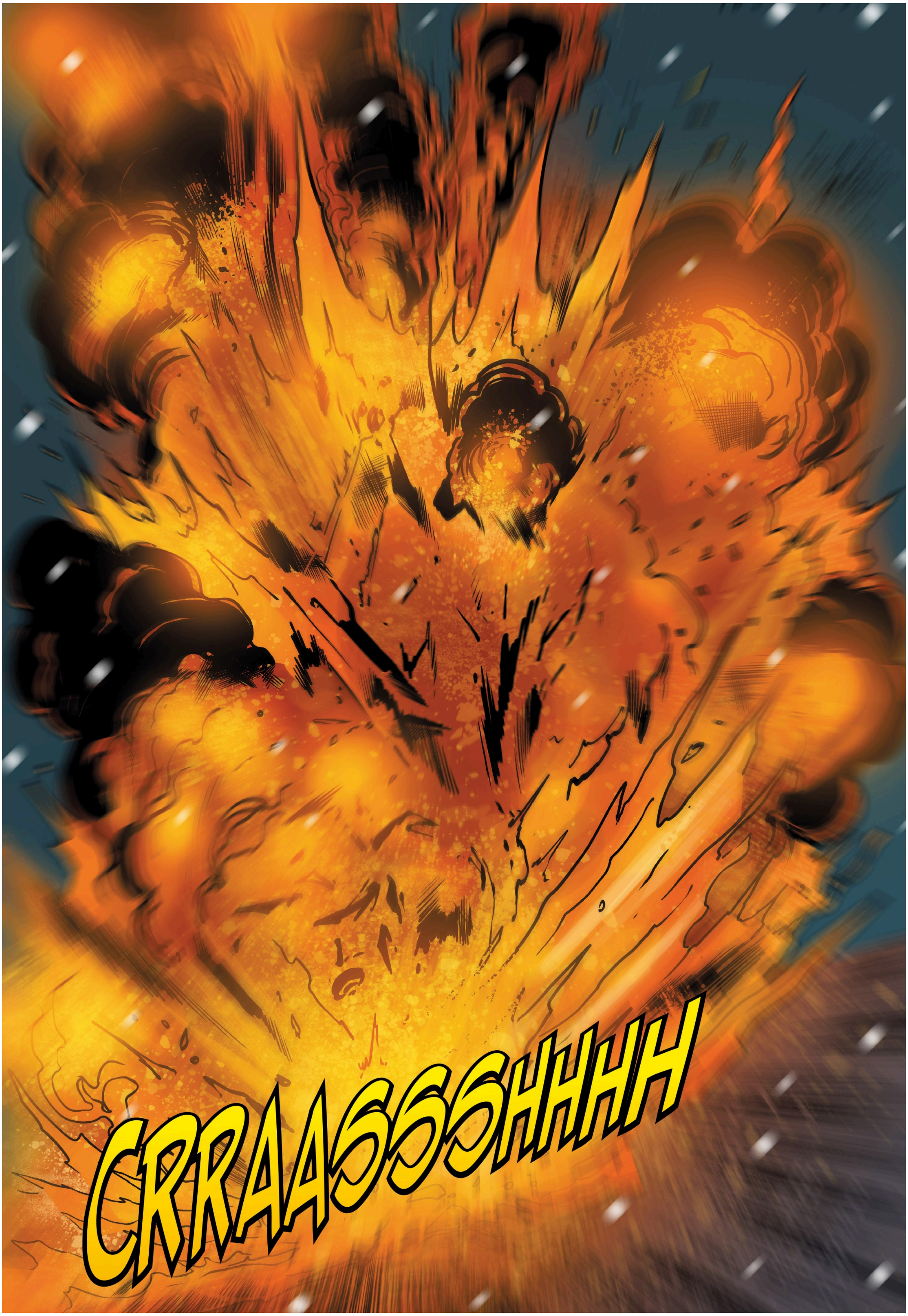
SOMETHING'S NOT *RIGHT*.
NO *KIDDING*, CAPTAIN OBVIOUS.
I MEAN DOWN *THERE*.
LEAN IN OR DIE!
MEANWHILE, THE *ICE MAIDEN* IS EXPERIENCING TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES.
WHAT THE HELL IS *THAT?*
SWOOOSH
WHAT JUST HAPPENED?
A MASSIVE *POWER SURGE* FROM SHELLEY. SHE CONNECTED SOMETHING *ALIEN* TO THE *ICE MAIDEN* REMOTELY.
IS SHE *OK?*
I DON'T THINK SO.


I WANTED TO **WARN** THEM, TO TELL THEM NOT TO TOUCH THE GROUND OR THEY'D **DIE...**
... BUT I WAS TOO **FAR** AWAY.
THEY WOULD HAVE **STOPPED** YOU.
THAT CANNOT HAPPEN.
MAKE THEM **STOP.** PLEASE.
SOON. WE **MUST** KEEP GOING.
I'M SORRY... WHOEVER YOU WERE.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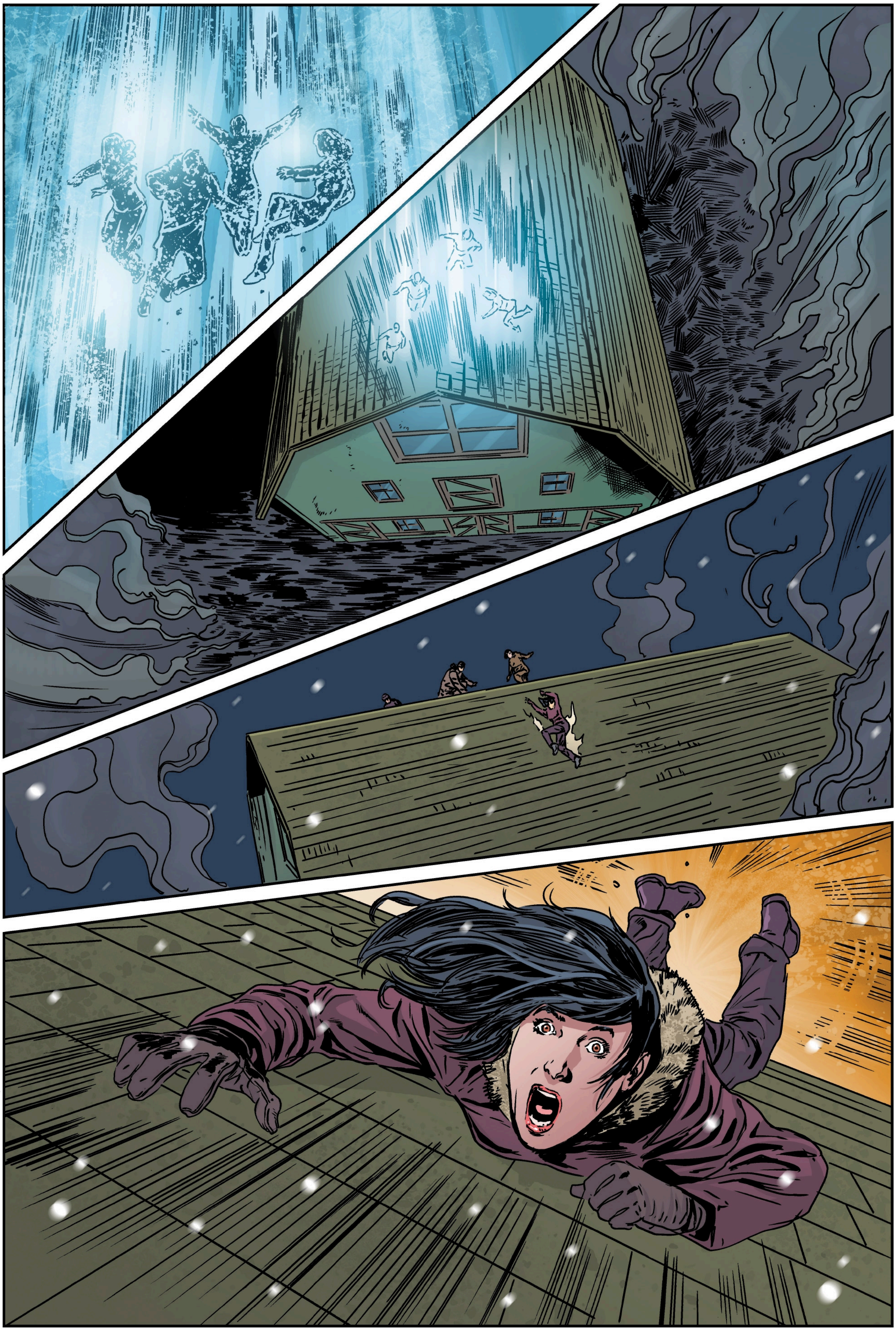
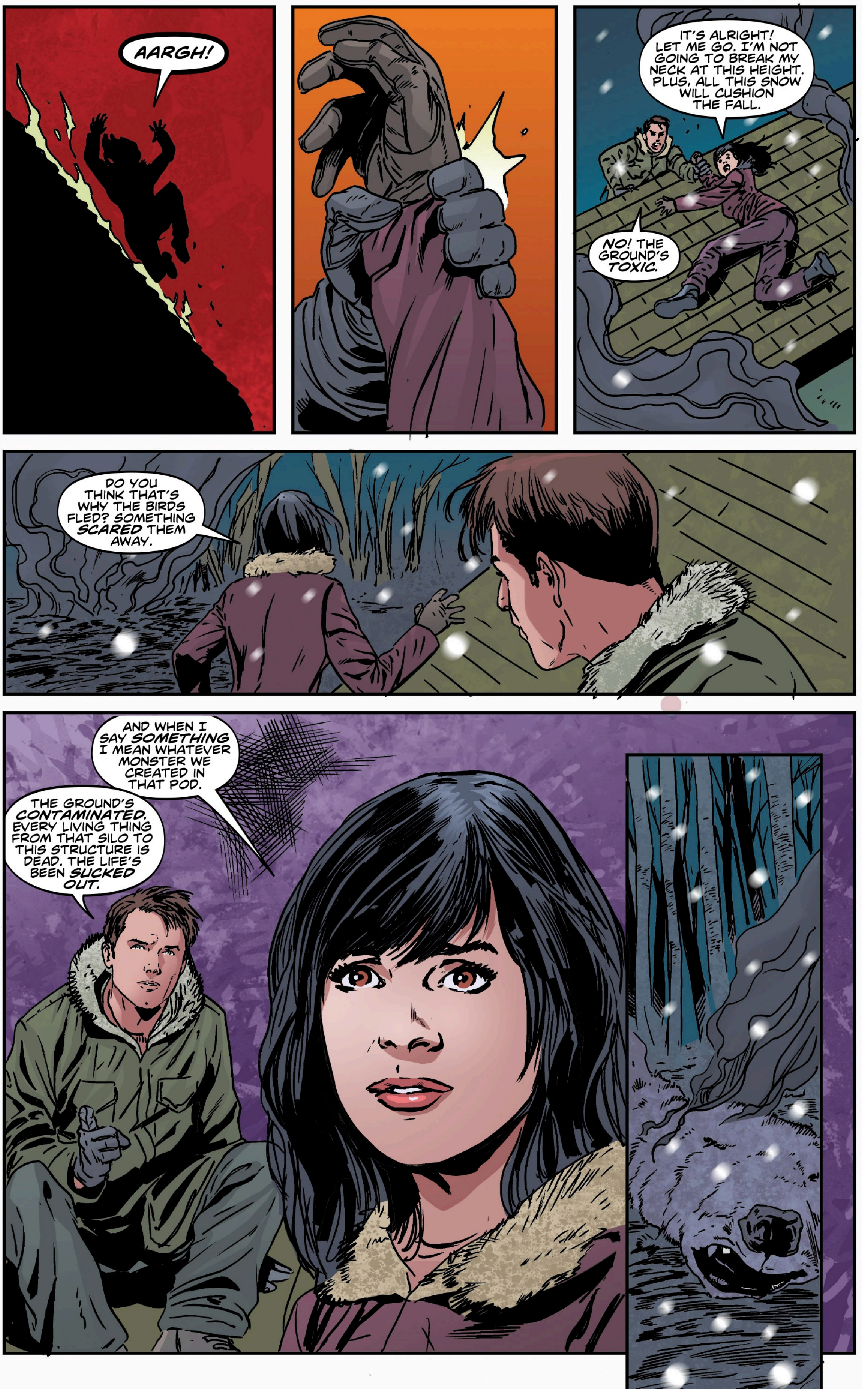
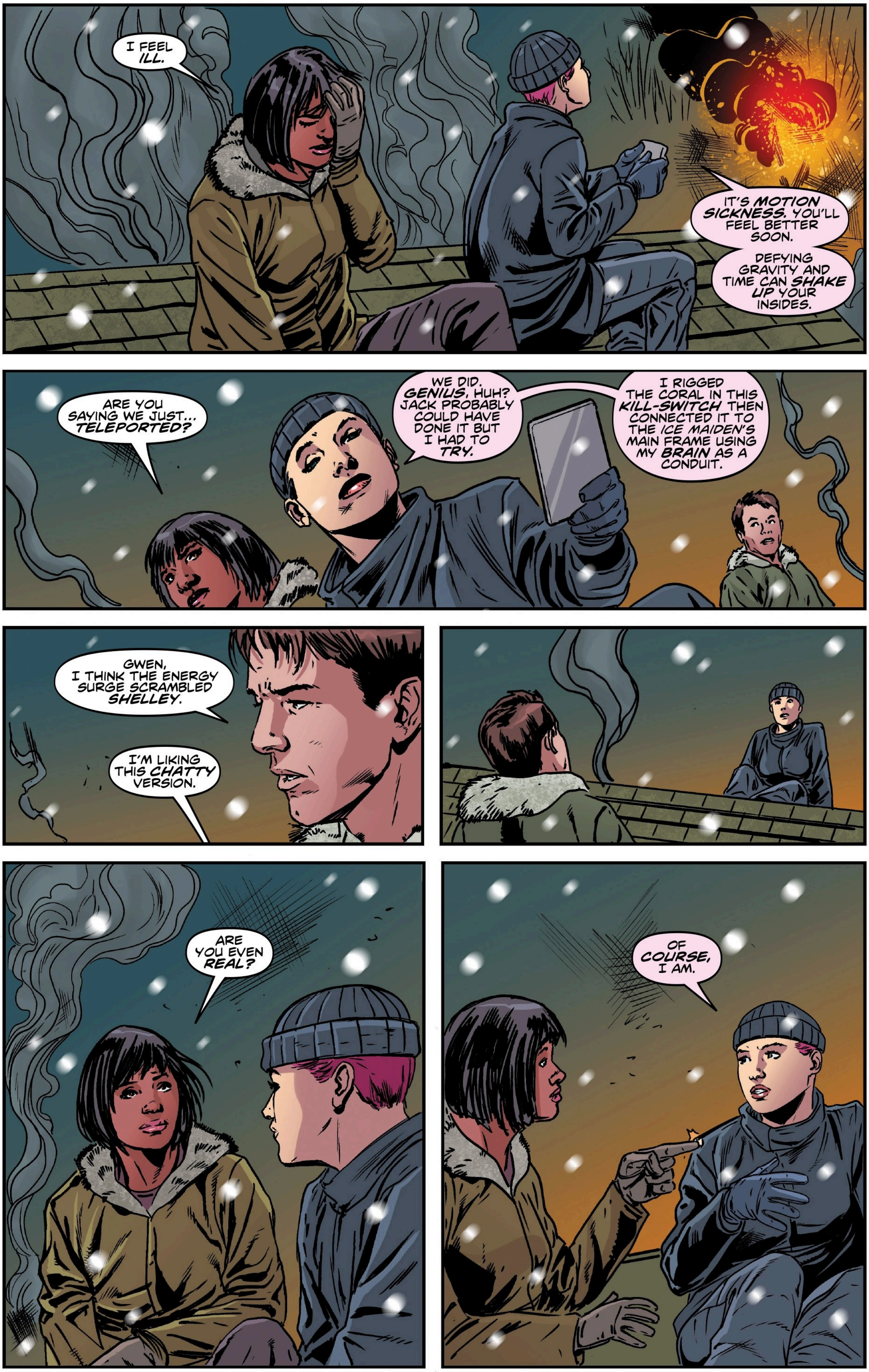



AARGH!
IT'S ALRIGHT! LET ME GO. I'M NOT GOING TO BREAK MY NECK AT THIS HEIGHT. PLUS, ALL THIS SNOW WILL CUSHION THE FALL.
NO! THE GROUND'S TOXIC.
DO YOU THINK THAT'S WHY THE BIRDS FLED? SOMETHING SCARED THEM AWAY.
AND WHEN I SAY SOMETHING I MEAN WHATEVER MONSTER WE CREATED IN THAT POD.
THE GROUND'S CONTAMINATED. EVERY LIVING THING FROM THAT SILO TO THIS STRUCTURE IS DEAD. THE LIFE'S BEEN SUCKED OUT.


I FEEL *ILL.*
IT'S *MOTION SICKNESS.* YOU'LL FEEL BETTER SOON.
DEFYING GRAVITY AND TIME CAN *SHAKE UP* YOUR INSIDES.
ARE YOU SAYING WE JUST... *TELEPORTED?*
WE DID. *GENIUS*, HUH? JACK PROBABLY COULD HAVE DONE IT BUT I HAD TO *TRY.*
I RIGGED THE CORAL IN THIS *KILL-SWITCH* THEN CONNECTED IT TO THE *ICE MAIDEN'S* MAIN FRAME USING MY *BRAIN* AS A CONDUIT.
GWEN, I THINK THE ENERGY SURGE SCRAMBLED *SHELLEY.*
I'M LIKING THIS *CHATTY* VERSION.
ARE YOU EVEN *REAL?*
OF *COURSE,* I AM.

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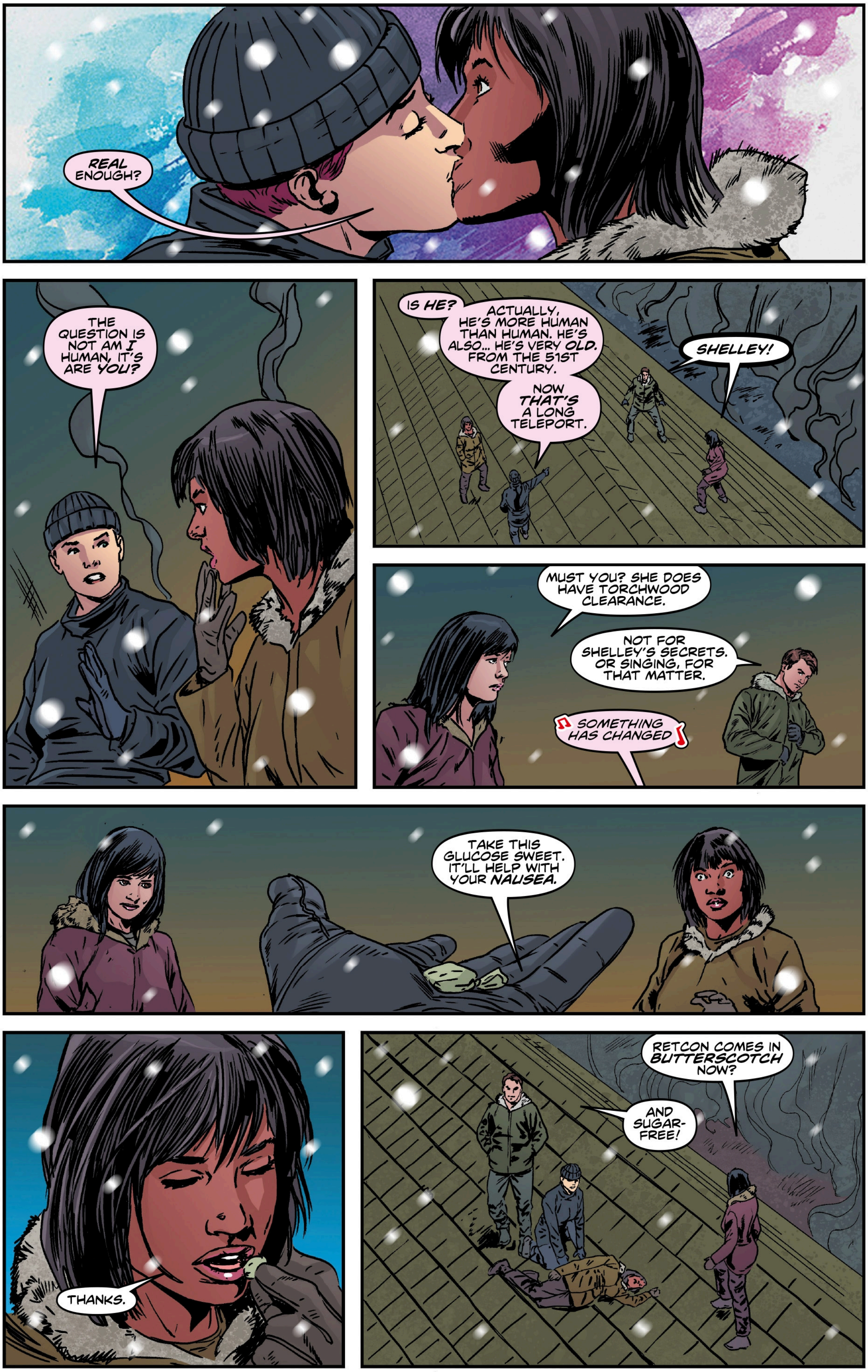
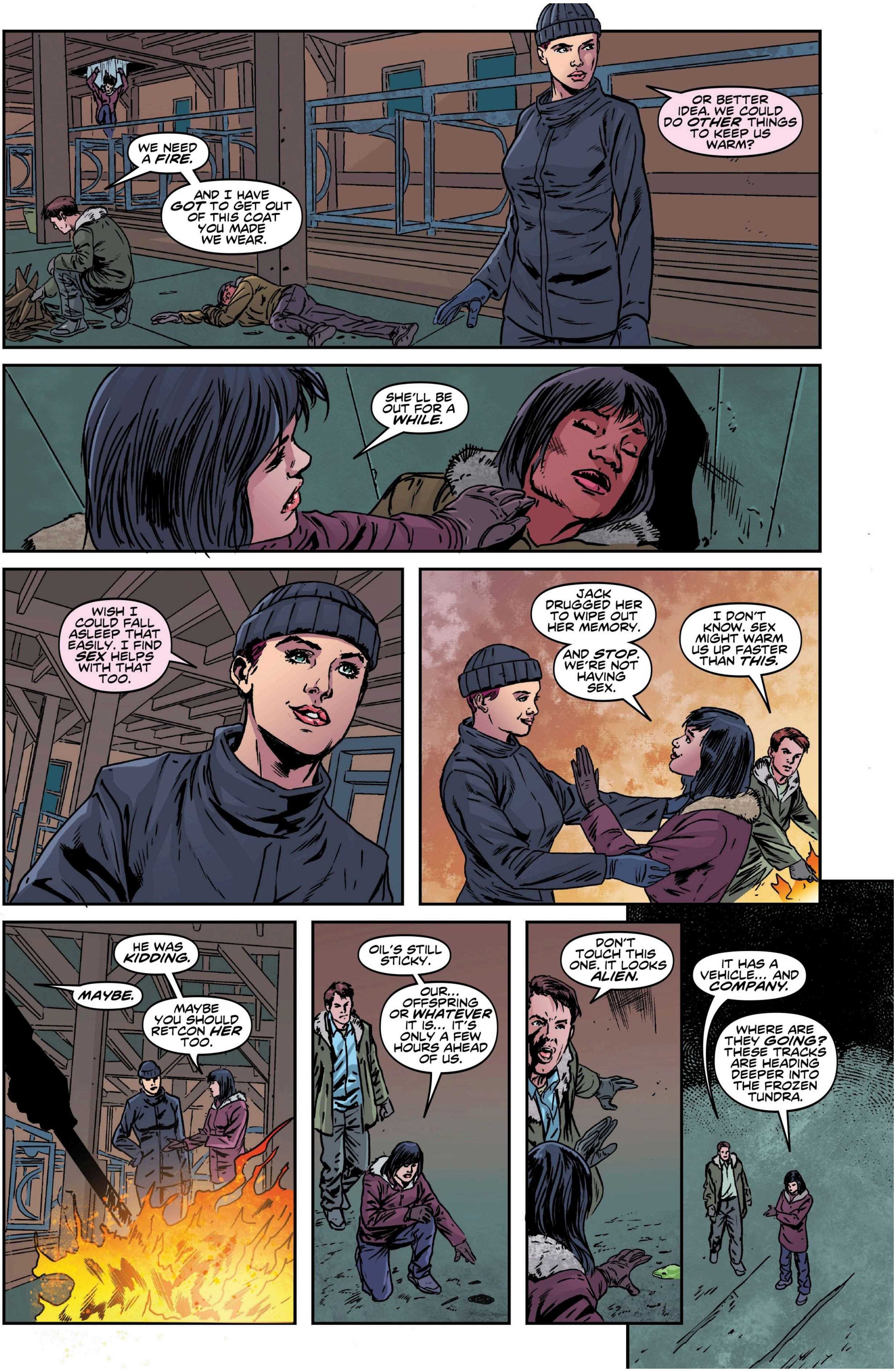
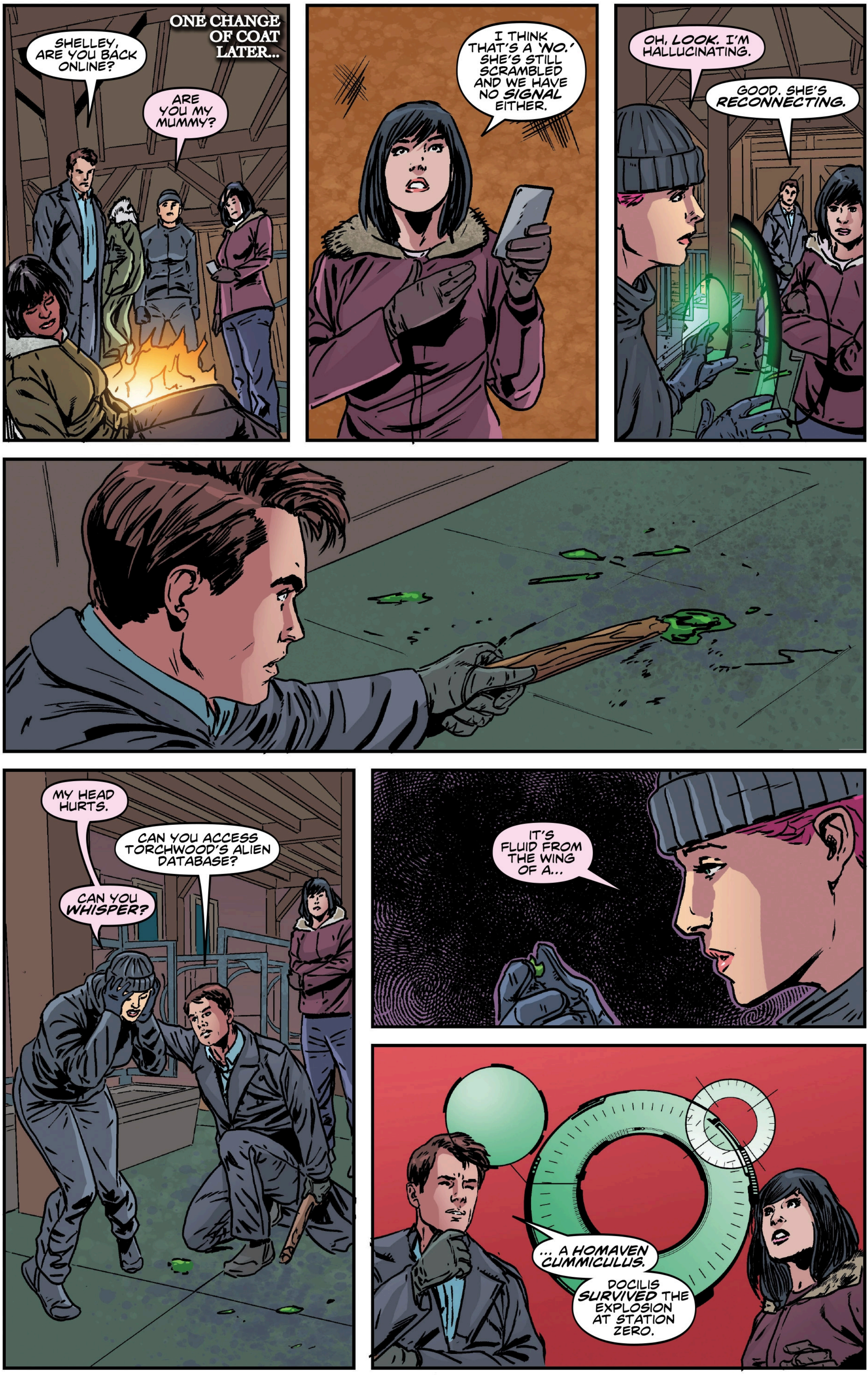
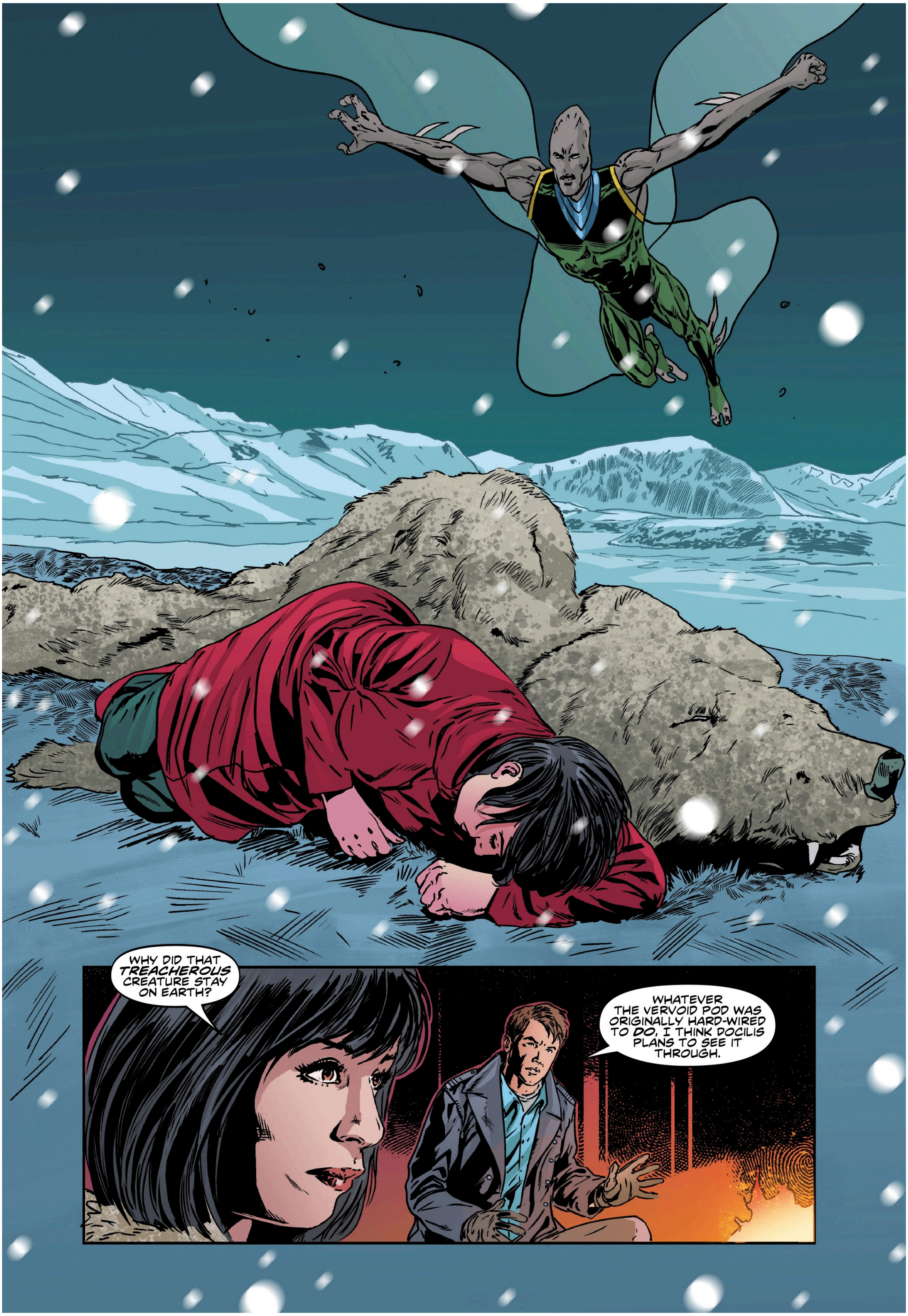
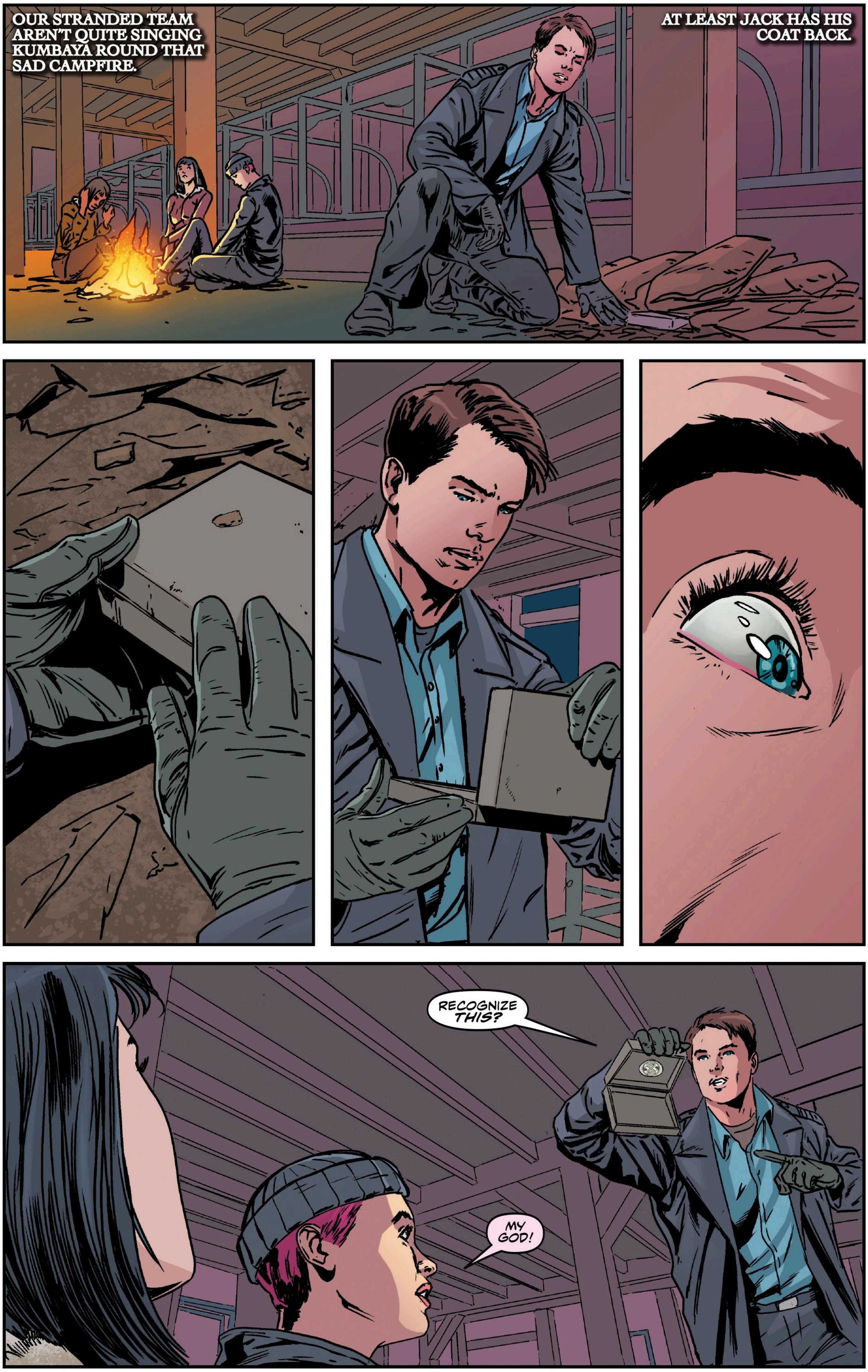
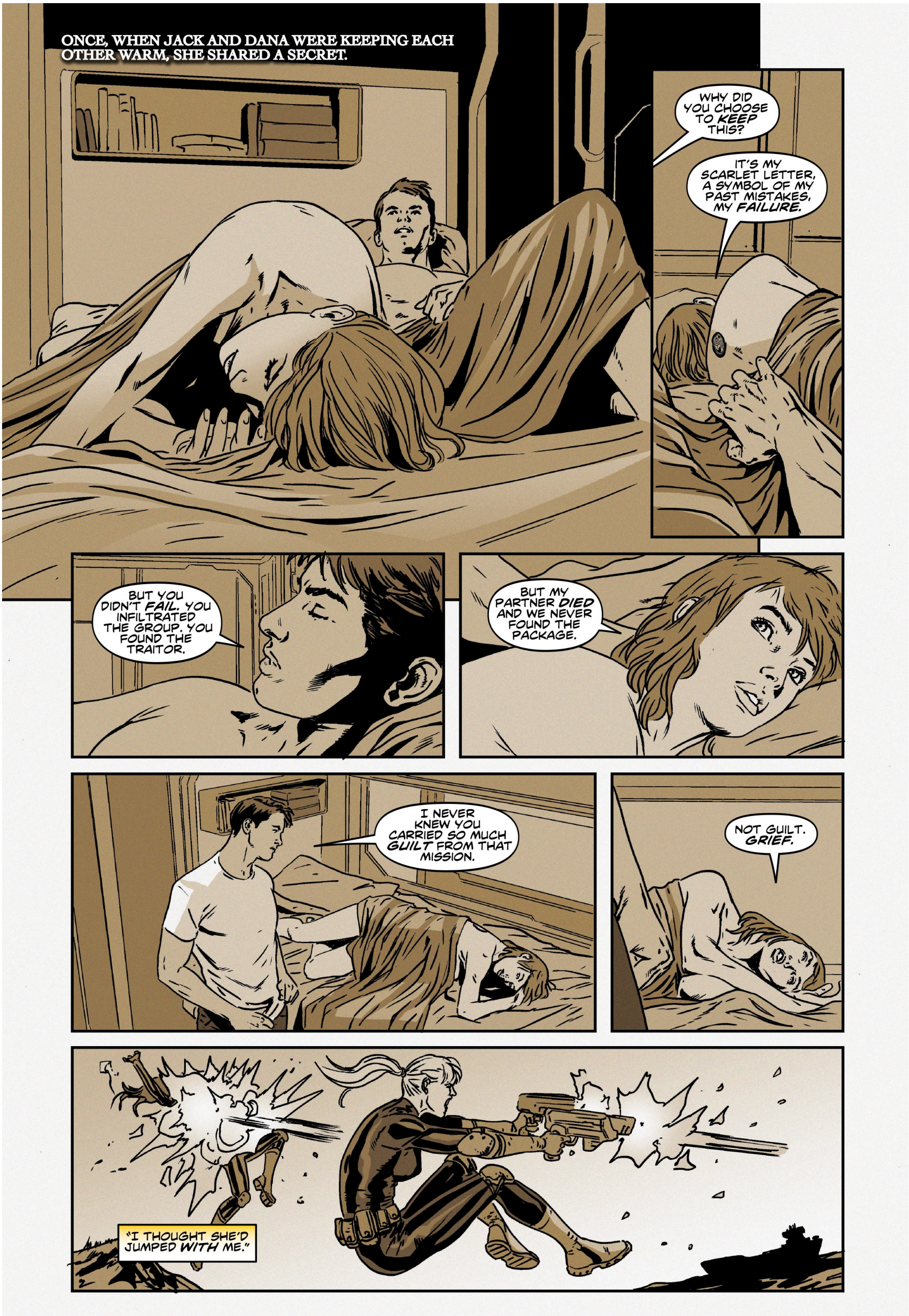

REAL ENOUGH?
THE QUESTION IS NOT AM *I* HUMAN, IT'S ARE *YOU*?
IS *HE*?
ACTUALLY, HE'S MORE HUMAN THAN HUMAN. HE'S ALSO... HE'S VERY *OLD*. FROM THE 51ST CENTURY.
NOW *THAT'S* A LONG TELEPORT.
SHELLEY!
MUST YOU? SHE DOES HAVE TORCHWOOD CLEARANCE.
NOT FOR SHELLEY'S SECRETS. OR SINGING, FOR THAT MATTER.
♫ SOMETHING HAS CHANGED ♪
TAKE THIS GLUCOSE SWEET. IT'LL HELP WITH YOUR *NAUSEA*.
THANKS.
RETCON COMES IN *BUTTERSCOTCH* NOW?
AND SUGAR-FREE!

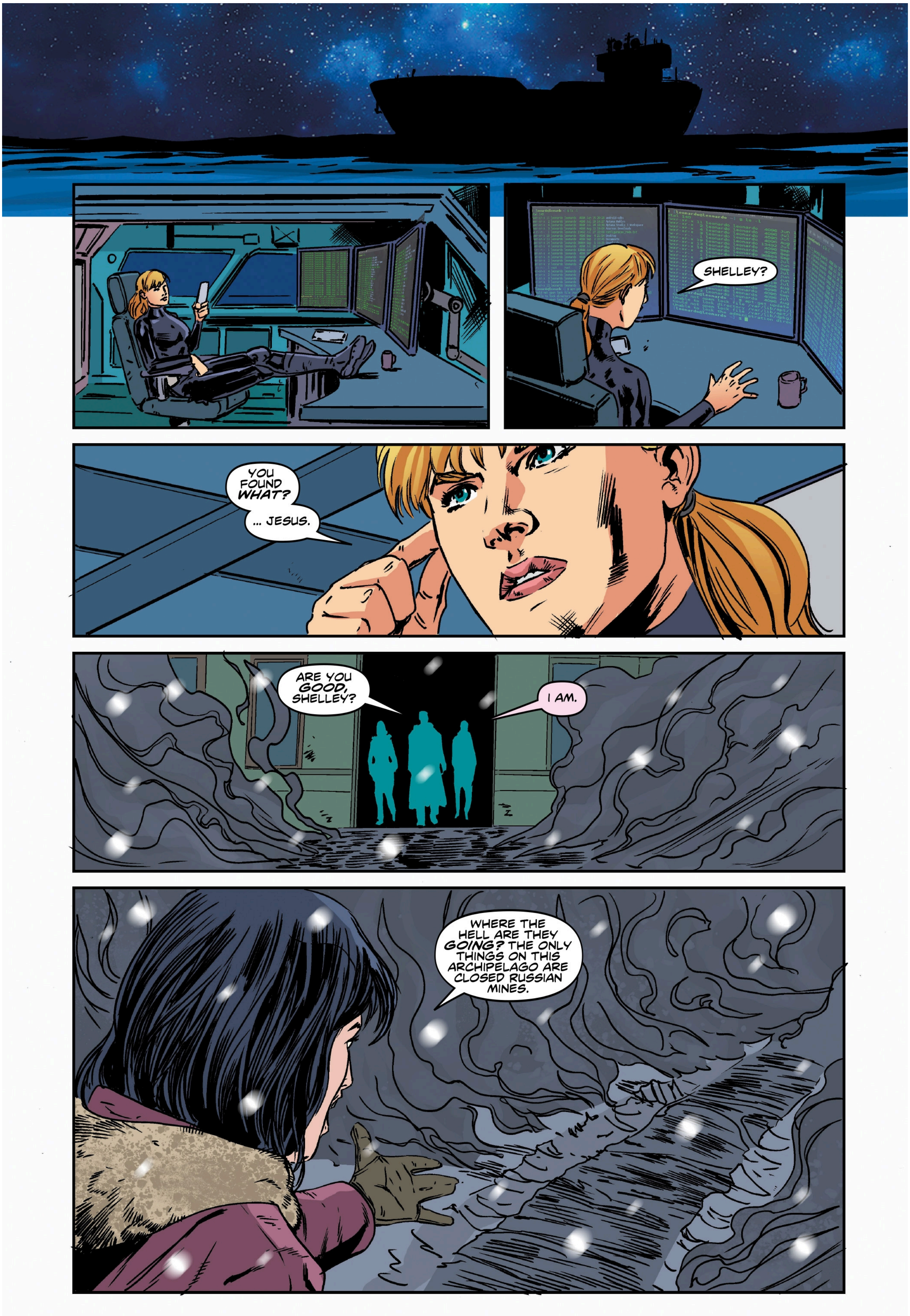

WE NEED A *FIRE.*
AND I HAVE *GOT* TO GET OUT OF THIS COAT YOU MADE WE WEAR.
OR BETTER IDEA. WE COULD DO *OTHER* THINGS TO KEEP US WARM?
SHE'LL BE OUT FOR A *WHILE.*
WISH I COULD FALL ASLEEP THAT EASILY. I FIND *SEX* HELPS WITH THAT TOO.
JACK DRUGGED HER TO WIPE OUT HER MEMORY.
AND *STOP.* WE'RE NOT HAVING SEX.
I DON'T KNOW. SEX MIGHT WARM US UP FASTER THAN *THIS.*
HE WAS *KIDDING.*
MAYBE.
MAYBE YOU SHOULD RETCON *HER* TOO.
OIL'S STILL STICKY.
OUR... OFFSPRING OR *WHATEVER* IT IS... IT'S ONLY A FEW HOURS AHEAD OF US.
DON'T TOUCH THIS ONE. IT LOOKS *ALIEN.*
IT HAS A VEHICLE... AND *COMPANY.*
WHERE ARE THEY *GOING?* THESE TRACKS ARE HEADING DEEPER INTO THE FROZEN TUNDRA.

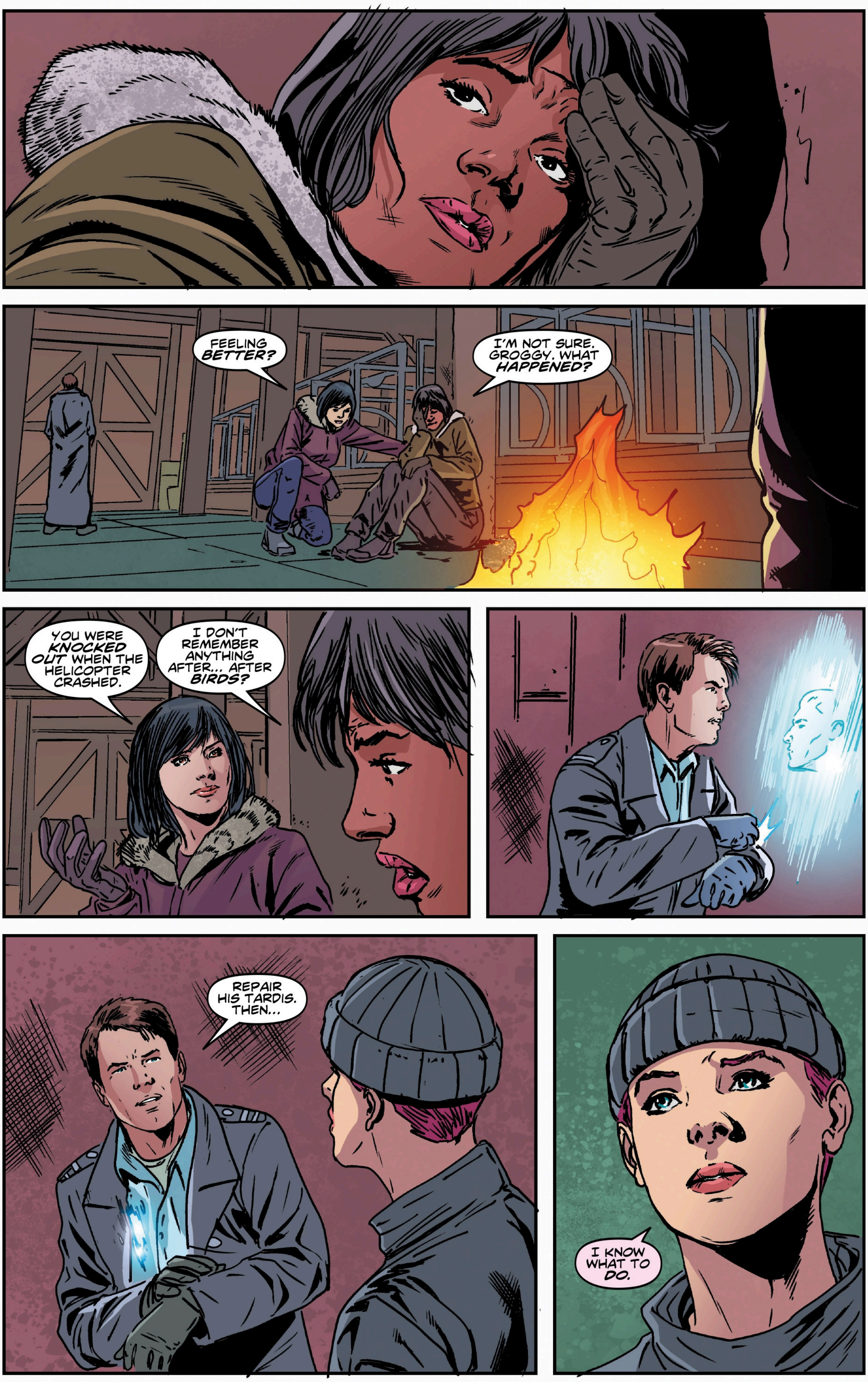

ONE CHANGE OF COAT LATER...
SHELLEY, ARE YOU BACK ONLINE?
ARE YOU MY MUMMY?
I THINK THAT'S A *'NO.'* SHE'S STILL SCRAMBLED AND WE HAVE NO *SIGNAL* EITHER.
OH, *LOOK.* I'M HALLUCINATING.
GOOD. SHE'S *RECONNECTING.*
MY HEAD HURTS.
CAN YOU ACCESS TORCHWOOD'S ALIEN DATABASE?
CAN YOU *WHISPER?*
IT'S FLUID FROM THE WING OF A...
... A *HOMAVEN CUMMICULUS.*
DOCILIS *SURVIVED* THE EXPLOSION AT STATION ZERO.

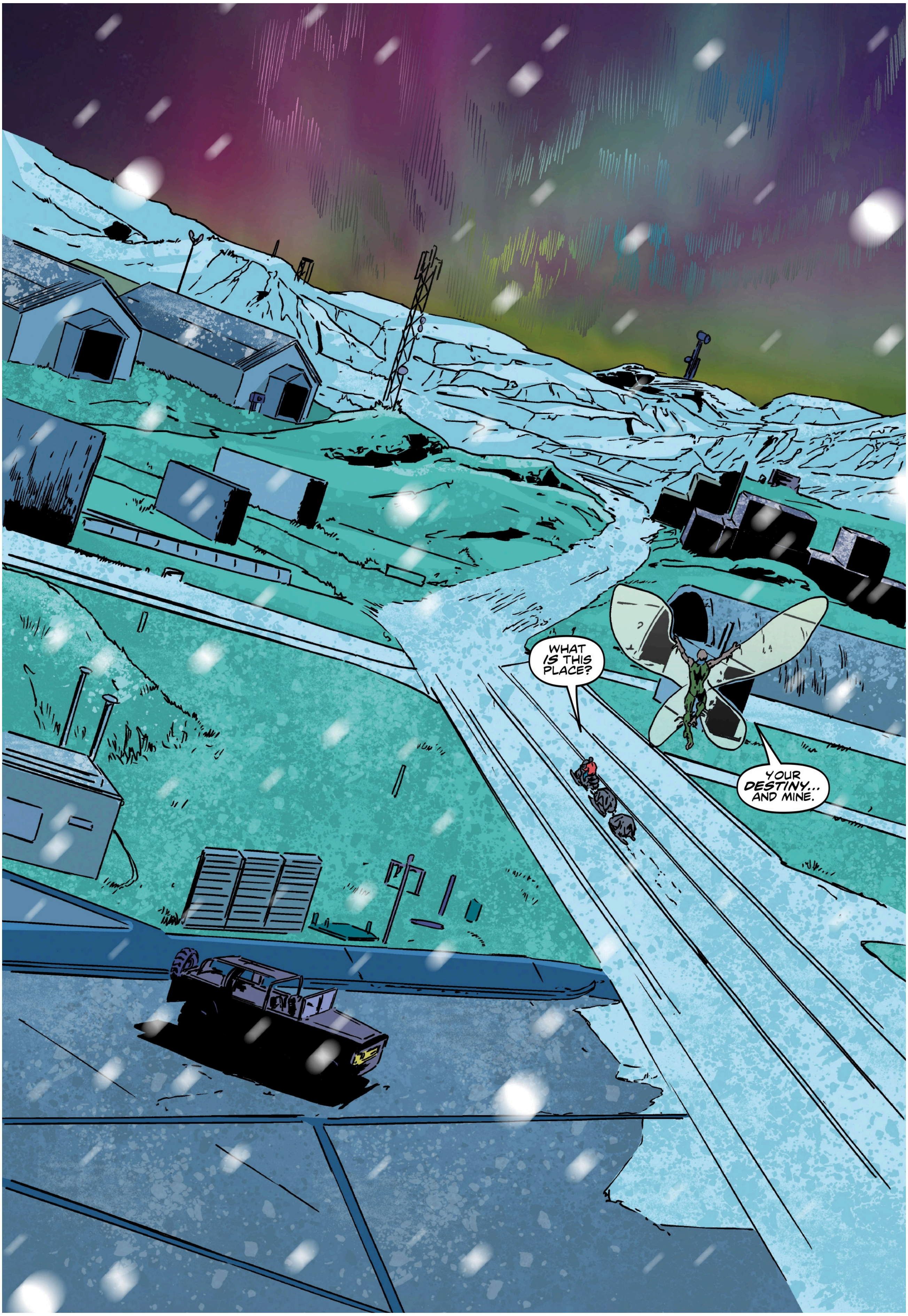

WHY DID THAT *TREACHEROUS* CREATURE STAY ON EARTH?
WHATEVER THE VERVOID POD WAS ORIGINALLY HARD-WIRED TO *DO*, I THINK DOCILIS PLANS TO SEE IT THROUGH.

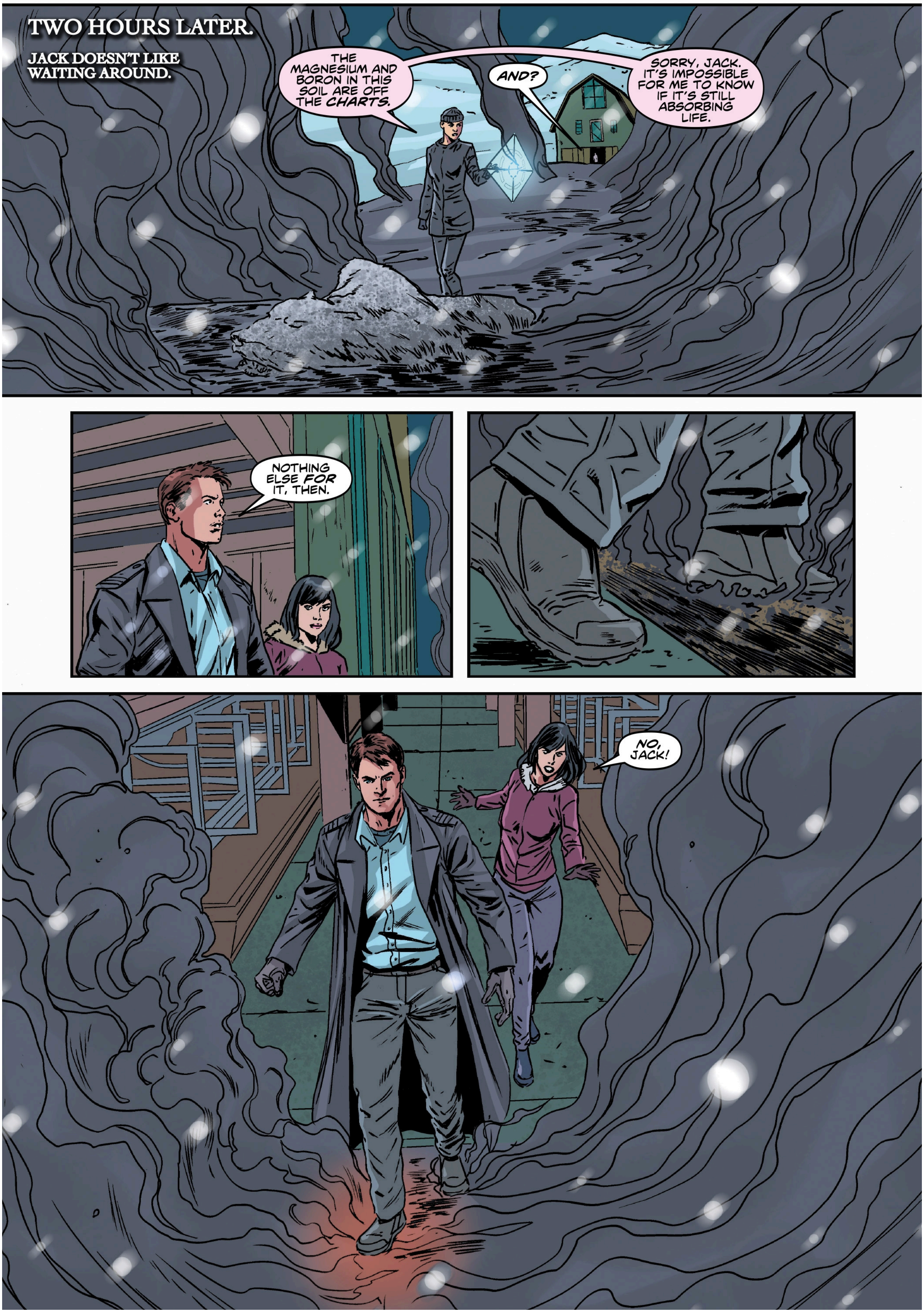

OUR STRANDED TEAM AREN'T QUITE SINGING KUMBAYA ROUND THAT SAD CAMPFIRE.
AT LEAST JACK HAS HIS COAT BACK.
RECOGNIZE THIS?
MY GOD!

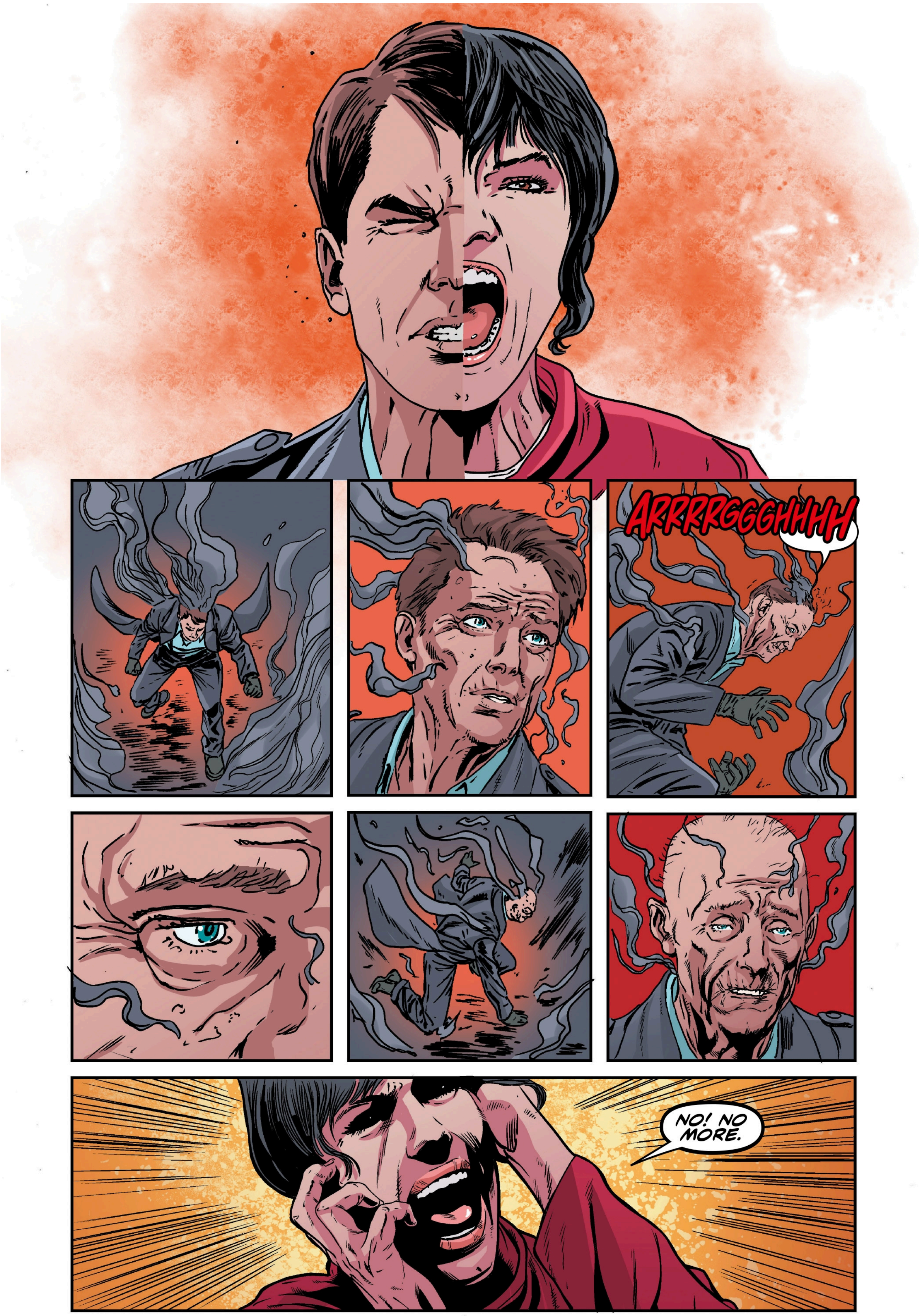

ONCE, WHEN JACK AND DANA WERE KEEPING EACH OTHER WARM, SHE SHARED A SECRET.
WHY DID YOU CHOOSE TO *KEEP* THIS?
IT'S MY SCARLET LETTER, A SYMBOL OF MY PAST MISTAKES, MY *FAILURE.*
BUT YOU DIDN'T *FAIL.* YOU INFILTRATED THE GROUP. YOU FOUND THE TRAITOR.
BUT MY PARTNER *DIED* AND WE NEVER FOUND THE PACKAGE.
I NEVER KNEW YOU CARRIED SO MUCH *GUILT* FROM THAT MISSION.
NOT GUILT. *GRIEF.*
"I THOUGHT SHE'D JUMPED *WITH* ME."


SHELLEY?
YOU FOUND *WHAT?*
... JESUS.
ARE YOU *GOOD,* SHELLEY?
I AM.
WHERE THE HELL ARE THEY *GOING?* THE ONLY THINGS ON THIS ARCHIPELAGO ARE CLOSED RUSSIAN MINES.


FEELING *BETTER?*
I'M NOT SURE. GROGGY. WHAT *HAPPENED?*
YOU WERE *KNOCKED OUT* WHEN THE HELICOPTER CRASHED.
I DON'T REMEMBER ANYTHING AFTER... AFTER *BIRDS?*
REPAIR HIS TARDIS. THEN...
I KNOW WHAT TO *DO.*


WHAT *IS* THIS PLACE?
YOUR *DESTINY*... AND MINE.


TWO HOURS LATER.
JACK DOESN'T LIKE WAITING AROUND.
THE MAGNESIUM AND BORON IN THIS SOIL ARE OFF THE *CHARTS.*
AND?
SORRY, JACK. IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO KNOW IF IT'S STILL ABSORBING LIFE.
NOTHING ELSE *FOR* IT, THEN.
NO, JACK!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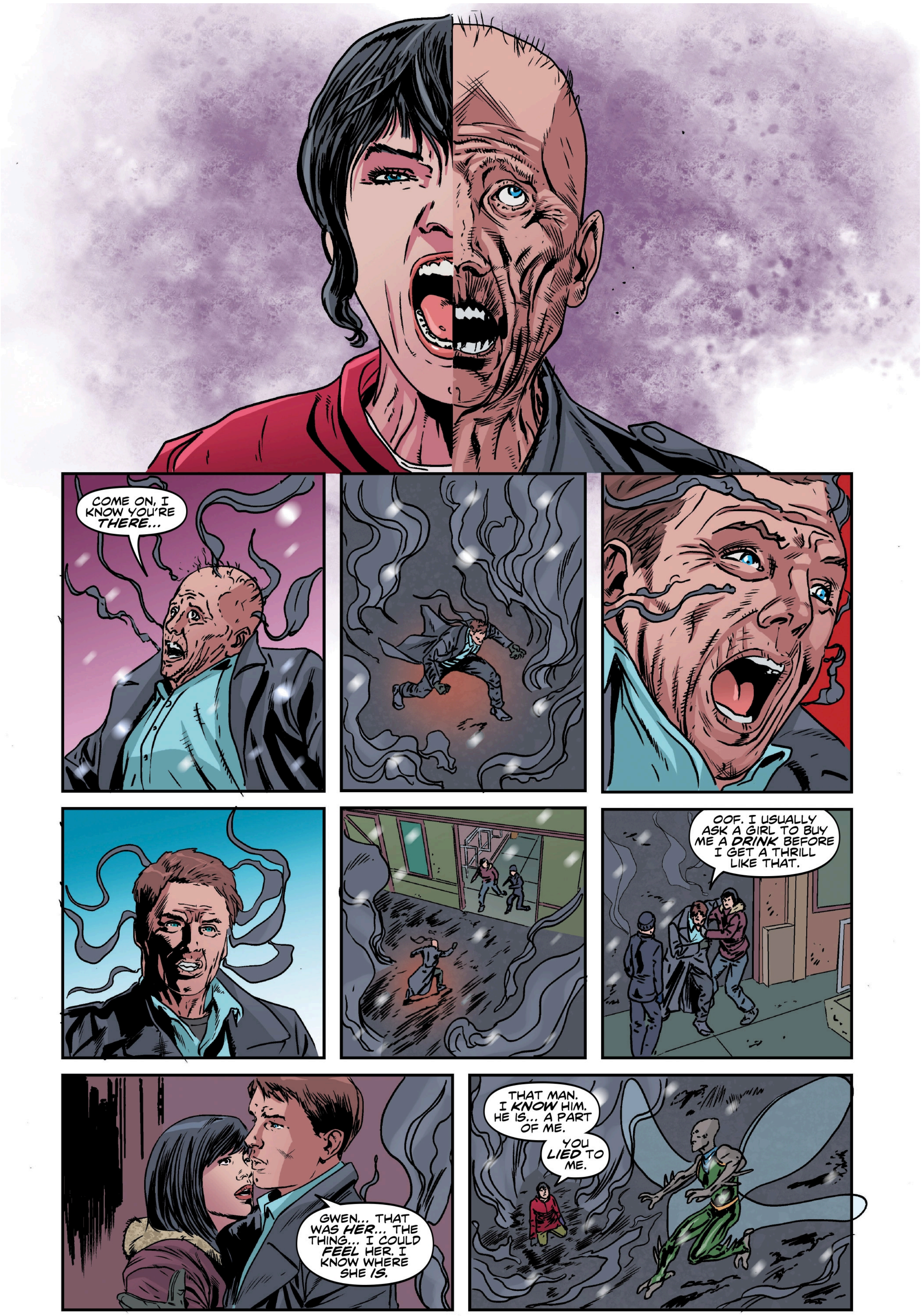
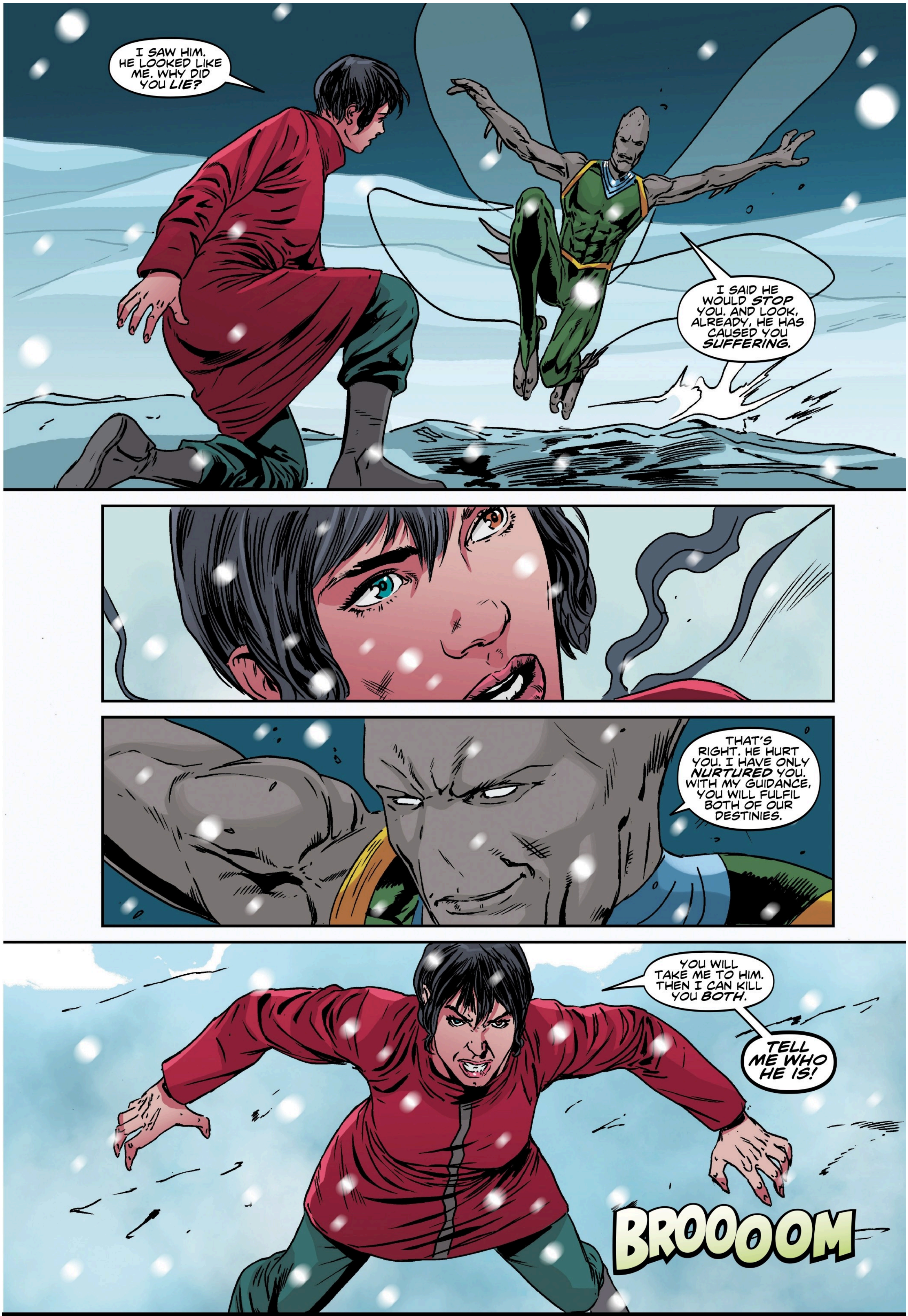
NO! NO MORE.


COME ON, I KNOW YOU'RE *THERE...*
OOF. I USUALLY ASK A GIRL TO BUY ME A *DRINK* BEFORE I GET A THRILL LIKE THAT.
GWEN... THAT WAS *HER*... THE THING... I COULD *FEEL* HER. I KNOW WHERE SHE *IS.*
THAT MAN. I *KNOW* HIM. HE IS... A PART OF ME.
YOU *LIED* TO ME.


I SAW HIM. HE LOOKED LIKE ME. WHY DID YOU LIE?
I SAID HE WOULD STOP YOU. AND LOOK, ALREADY, HE HAS CAUSED YOU SUFFERING.
THAT'S RIGHT. HE HURT YOU. I HAVE ONLY NURTURED YOU. WITH MY GUIDANCE, YOU WILL FULFIL BOTH OF OUR DESTINIES.
YOU WILL TAKE ME TO HIM. THEN I CAN KILL YOU BOTH.
TELL ME WHO HE IS!
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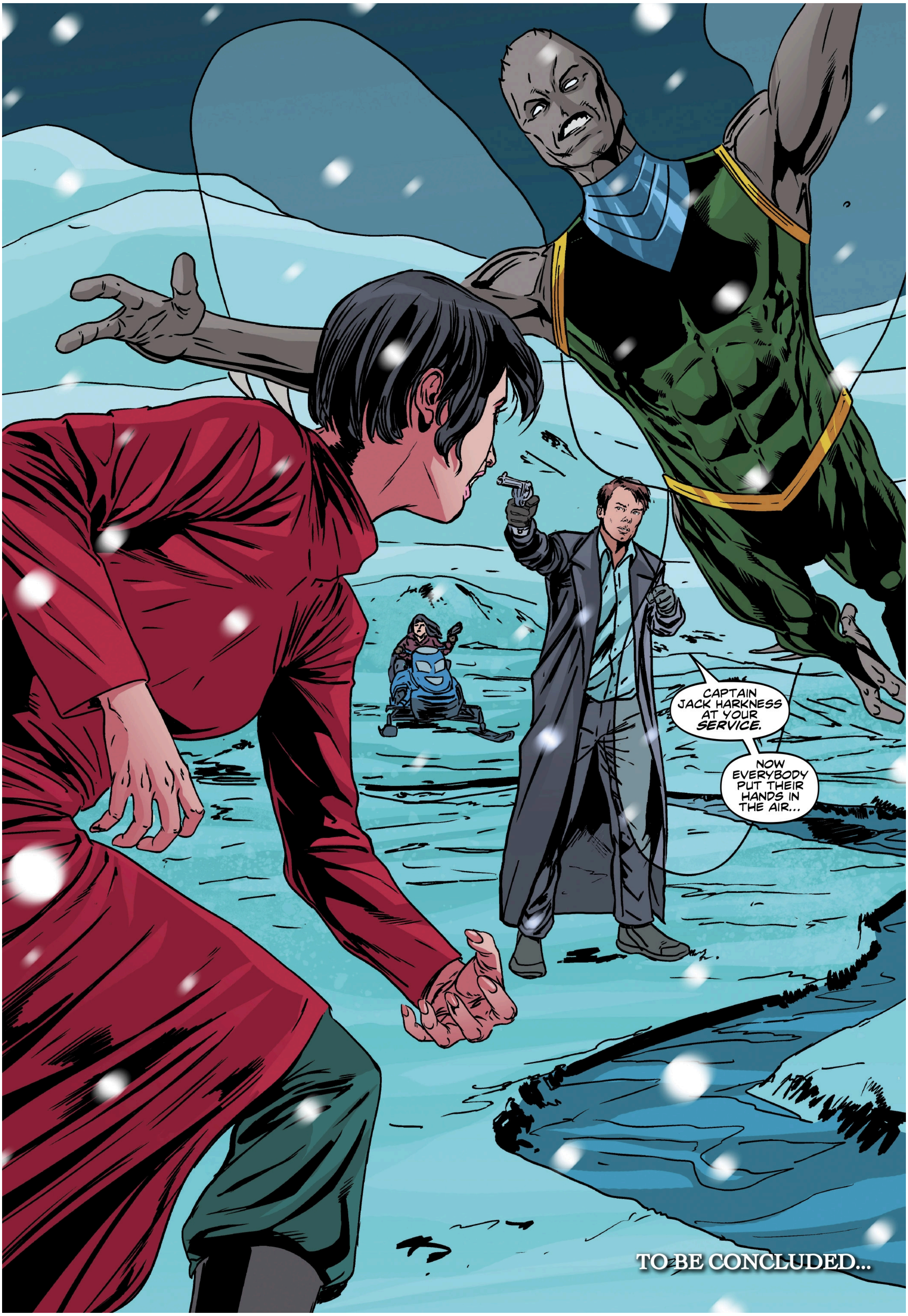
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NOW EVERYBODY PUT THEIR HANDS IN THE AIR...
TO BE CONCLUDED...

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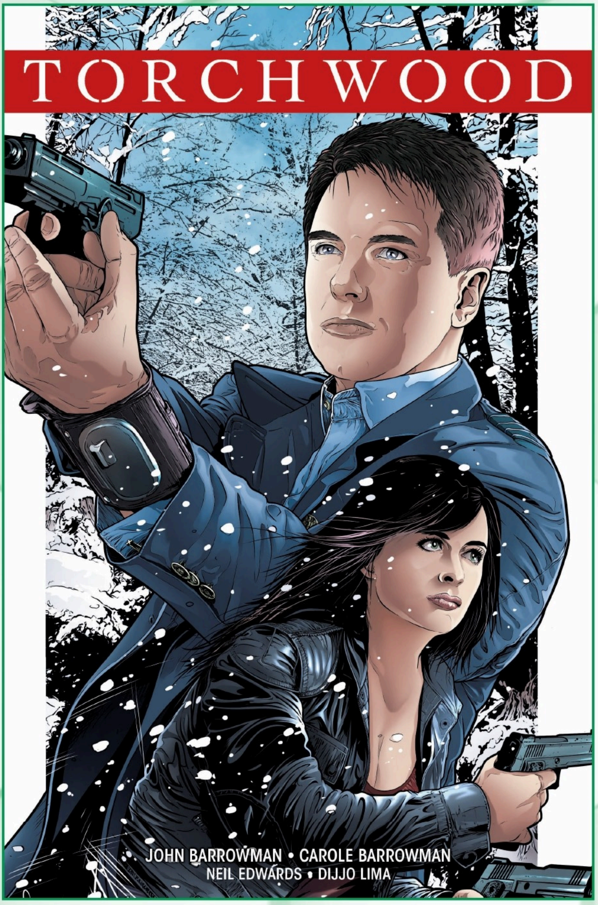
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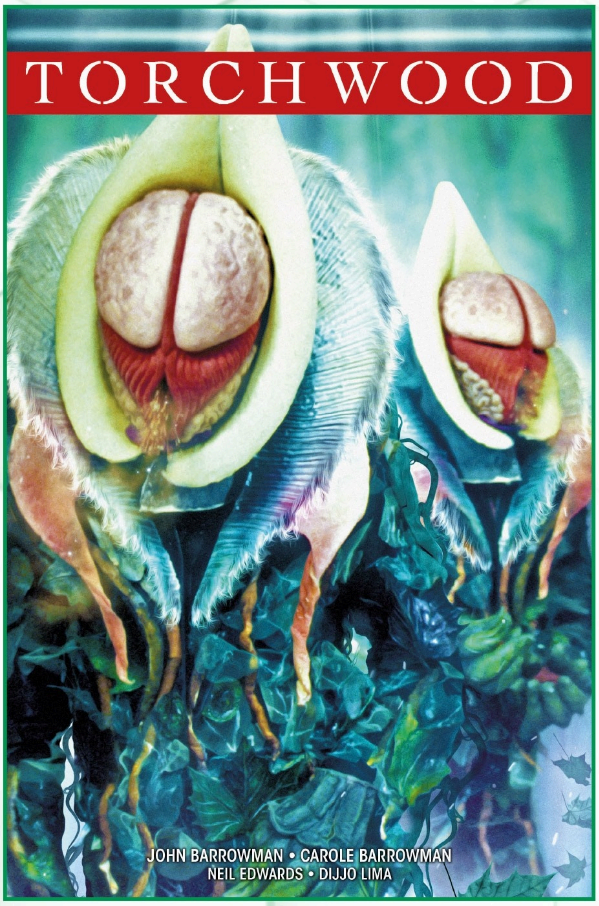
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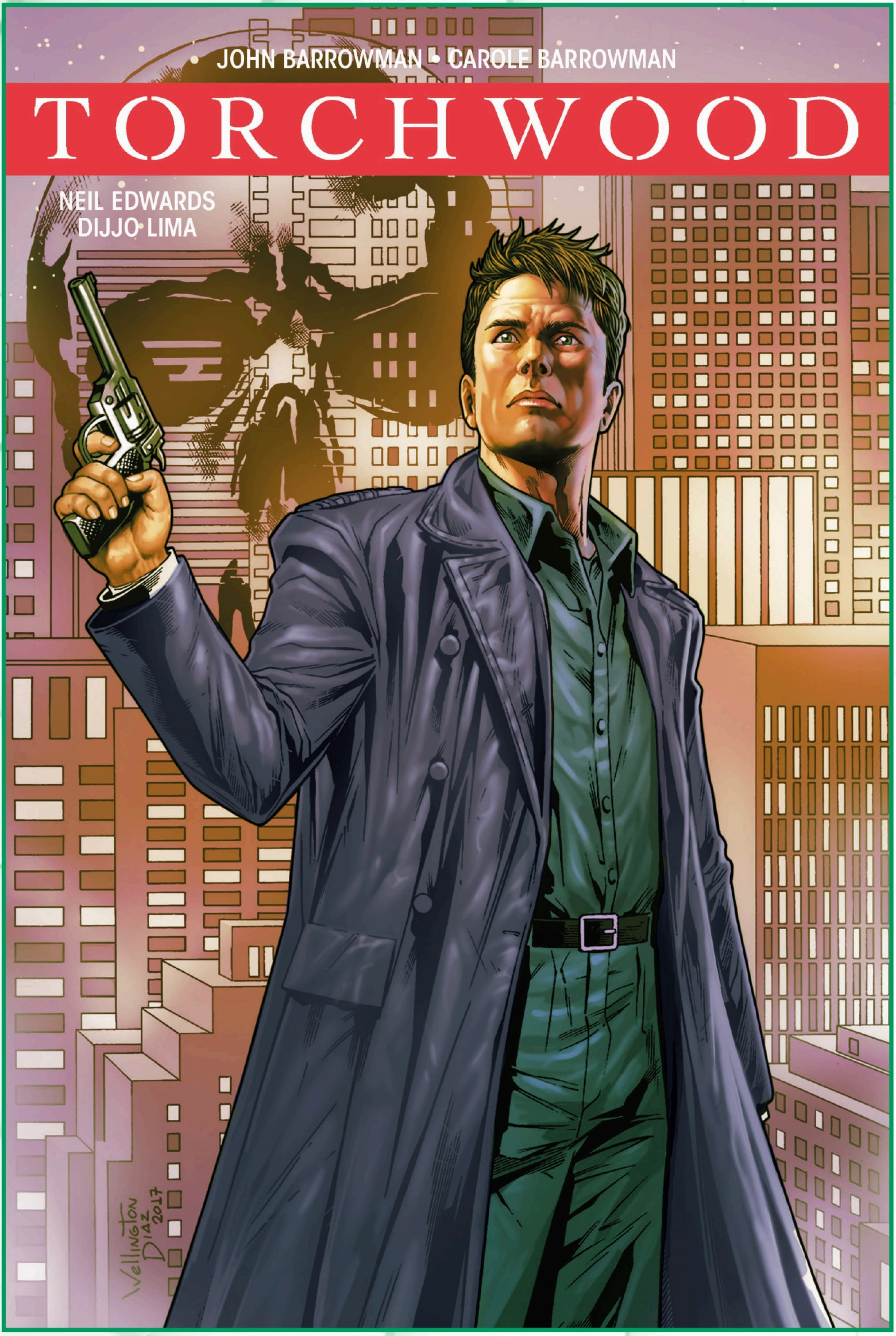
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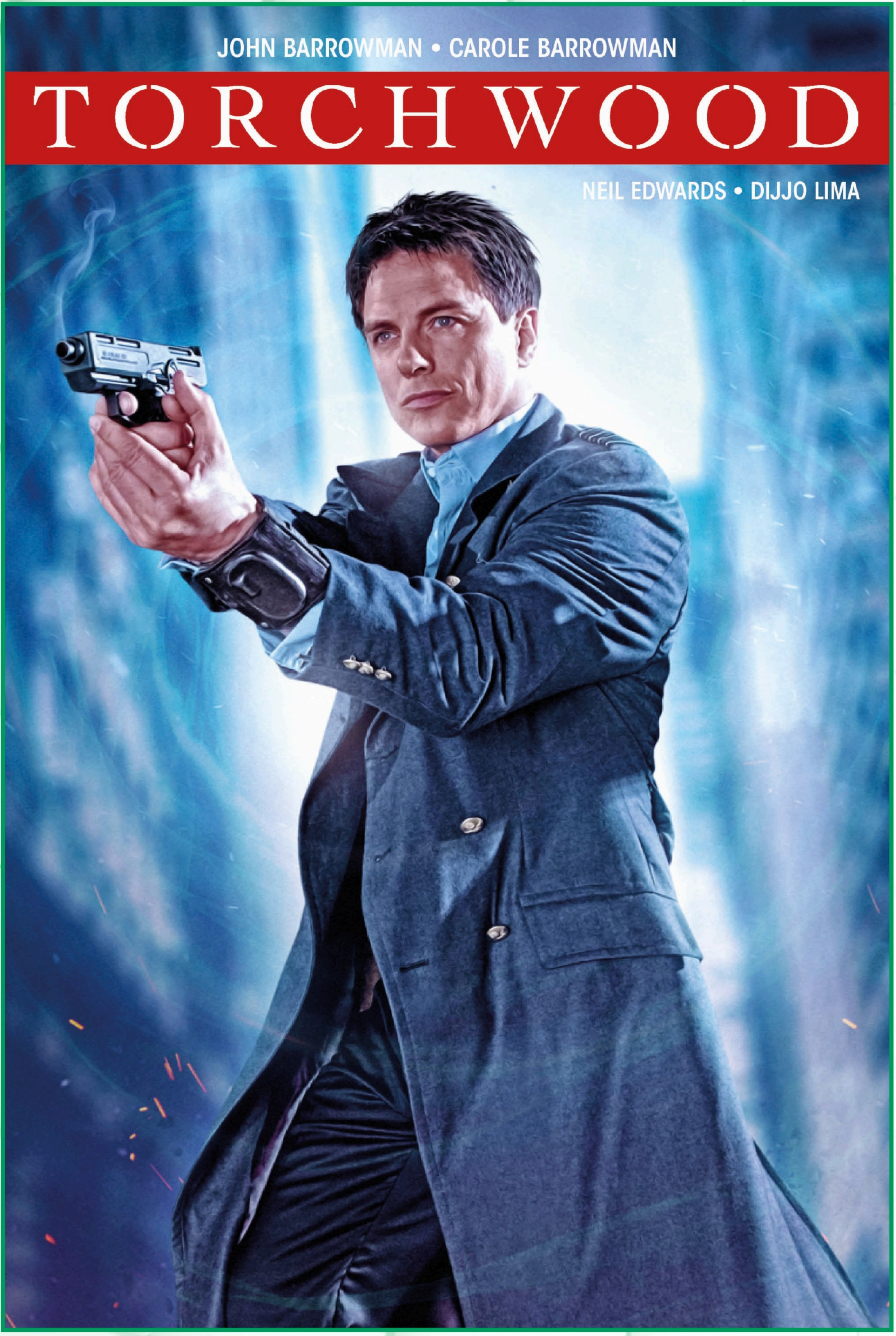
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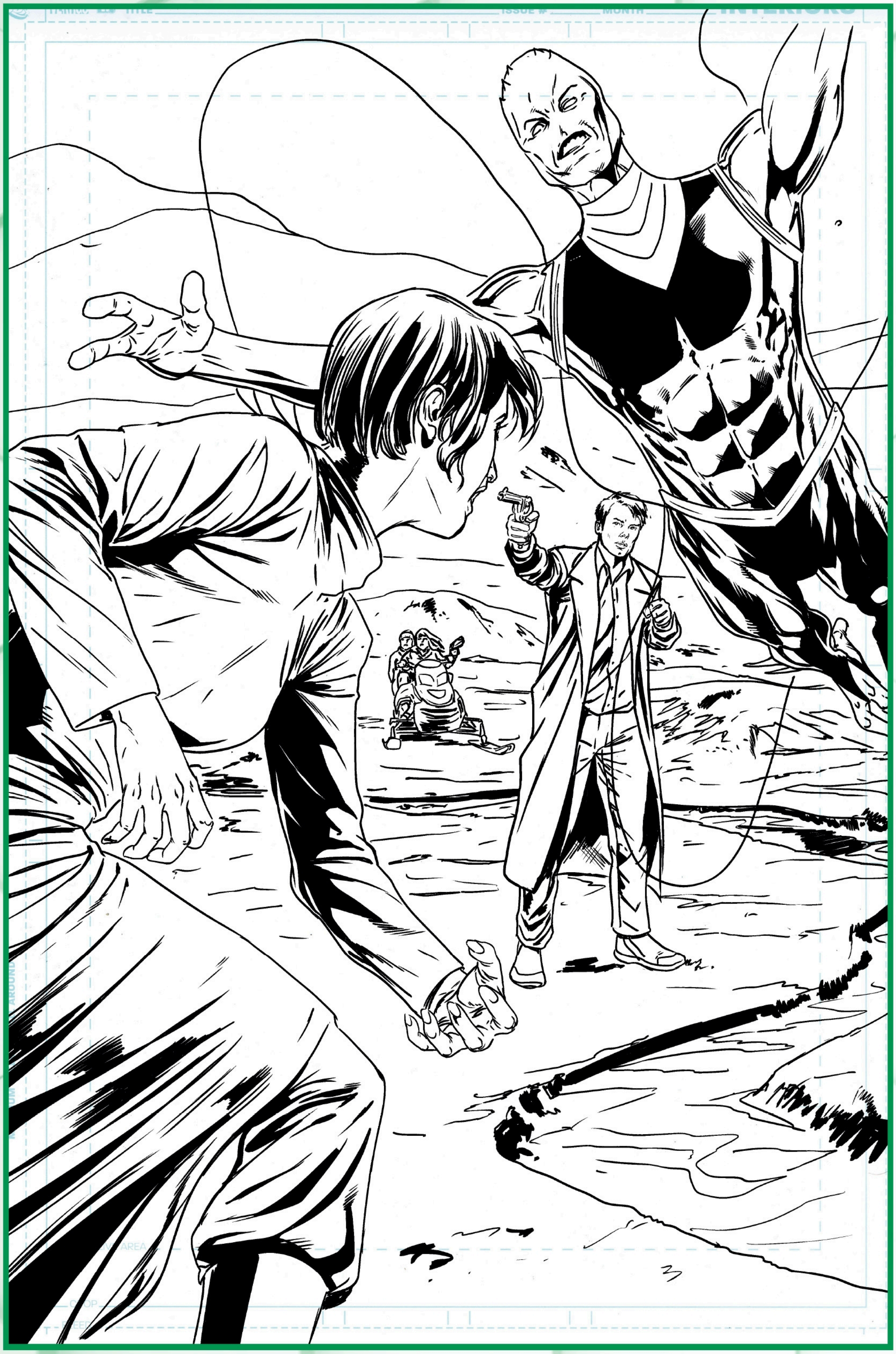

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